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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection; Star Stone Quarries, Inc.; Santa Barbara Quarry, S/013/006, Duchesne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 20, 2002
Time of Inspection: 7:20 to 7:30 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 70's
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator seeded last spring, and I wanted to see the results.

Getting to the site:

The report for the April 4, 2002, inspection describes how to get to the site.

Observations:

I estimate there is less than one percent vegetation cover (see Photo 1). Species observed include Ephedra, big sage, rabbitbrush, a bluegrass, and halogeton. Except for the halogeton, all of these appeared to be plants that survived the disturbance rather than ones that grew from seed. Other than this, the site appeared as it did last spring.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The area has had some good late summer and fall rains, and if there was still viable seed, it should have germinated. I recommend that the operator check to see what vegetation is growing now. If there is very little, the area should be reseeded this fall because there is probably little viable seed remaining.

jb

cc: Lon Thomas, Star Stone Quarries

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Photographs
S/013/006, Santa Barbara Quarry, Star Stone Quarries



Photo 1. Santa Barbara Quarry disturbed area. Note the lack of vegetation.